THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS, AND ITS INTERESTS

ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS MADE BY CLEVER WOMEN

Odds and Ends of Silk Transformed By Ingenious Minds and Nimble Fingers.

Nimble fingers, both skilled and unskilled will very soon be engaged in creating dainty holiday gifts, for no other temembrances of the festive season show quite so much of love and thought as those fashioned by the donor's own hands. These may not be as costly as those to be bought in the shops, but will be infinitely more appreciated.

The little baskets at 10 conts each that are having such a run just now in the department stores lend themselves most happily to the making of Christmae gifts, coming as they do na variety of shapes and colorings, as well as in all sizes. The little, low obliong shapes make the sweetest of cushions for hairpins or hat plus. Filled with curled hair, the covering is of coarse net onawhich is a spray of pink ribbon embroidery. A ruching of pink ribbon embroidery. A ruching of pink ribbon embroidery. A ruching of pink ribbon bows ited on the rings on each end are the finish. This is a very dainty trifle, yet quite inexpensive, and calls for very little skill in manipulating.

Another basket, somewhat resembling a miniature clothes barrelbamper, has a lid made from cardboard, covered with a ribbon ruching. Inside the basket is set a good-sized tumble, a broad ribbon is passed, tying in a bow in the front, much in the order of a scrap basket trimming. This makes the most convenient and sanitary of hair receivers, and, if one gots the ribbon tiled into a how when buying, the



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Thanksgiving is, above all other feativals, the day for family remions and as such, there are sure to be some clearly relatives present. For their sakes it is well to plan in some unobtrustly way decorations or methods of servins patterned after those of fifty or more years ago. Formerly it was the custom to load the table with all sorts of dainties, but the modern method of servins in courses its to be generally prefer end. With the festival dinner, however, it is well to settle a medium course between the two extremes, placing the vegetables on the table with the turkey and clicken ple also pickies, ceiery, apple same, eranberry sauce, or jelly and such other specialties as may be on the list.

For the delicious chicken pie two or more chickens will be needed. After singelng they are opened and divided as for a fricasce then simurced in boiling water until the bones will silp out. The crust should be made with rich sweet cream and, after lining the sides of the dish, the remainder of the paste should have plenty of butter rolled in it. From this strips are cut to form two or tree rims one above another round the edge of the dish and are made adherent by brushing the scatter of such with milk and as much more milk as and a second language of the dish and are made adherent by brushing the scatter of such with milk and as a much more milk as more with the ple is based for the least of the paste should have plenty of butter rolled in it. From this strips are cut to form two or tree rims one above another round the edge of the dish and are made adherent by brushing the scatter of such with milk and as much more milk as more with the such as a state of the paste should have plenty of butter rolled in it. From this strips are cut to form two or tree rims one above another round the edge of the dish and are made adherent by a scant teaspoonful of sail, relationed to the paste strip and the proposed and with relationship to the paste strip and the proposed and the proposed and the proposed and divided as for a friend

orm one of the accompaniments of uch a dinner. The berries are picked ver, washed and measured. One half is much sugar as there is of berries fill be needed; if for sauce, as much ater as sugar, one half that quantity hen for jelly. Celery is another accompaniment. It hould be well blanched, crisp and weet. The selected stalks should be hald a very cold water for an hour or more hen tastefully arranged in an upright tand or on a flat dish.

Those vegetables which are accounted tandards for the real Thanksgiving inner are squash, onlons and succotash, ach others being added as fancy may letate.

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Impkin for the old-fashioned pie uid be pared, steamed and mashed, a turned into an agate kettle and ced by the fire, stirring into it a few lespoonfuls of molasses; there let it not a trich, dark red. To three cupses of this prepared pumpkin there wild be added one cumful, and a half of

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Thanksgiving dish among German and Swedish families. Have the skin scored in narrow strips, fill the space with stuffling, close the openings with skewers and place the leg in a dripping pan. Rub salt, pepper and grated lemon rind over the scored top and squeeze the juice of a lemon over it. The meat should be well done and should be served with an accompaniment of apple sauce or cider jelly.

Roast spare rib is another substitute for turkey in some homes. As it is a dry piece of meat it should be kept

Chicken Pie.

Where there is a large family a chicken pie is frequently supplemntary to the turkey. In a smaller family it makes a most creditable substitute for the larger American bird. For a goodsize pie two chickens are commonly used. They should be plump and tender and not more than two years old at the most. Prepare them as for roasting, but do not stuff. Remove the tendons from the drumsticks with a skewer. This makes them as tender as the rest of the bird. If there is a surplus of fat remove it, or it will give the chicken a strong, greasy flavor.

Always save it, however, and try out for shortening. It makes one of the best for cookies, gingerbread and even pie crust. When the chickens are properly prepared, lay on their breasts in

With the price of turkey prohibitive for many families, guinea hens, that have just come in, at \$1.50 per pair and very good, may solve the problem. Unless young they are apt to be tough, in which case they should be made into a fricasee, stewing slowly for two or more hours until tender. A pair or young fowls, stuffed with a well seasoned dressing in which a little minced ham plays an important role, make a most delicious center for the Thanks, giving bill of fare. Serve with giblet gravy and currant or barberry jelly.

Shoulder of Fresh Pork.

A ham or shoulder with the bone taken out and the space filled with a bread or prune stuffing is also delicious when well cooked, and a popular Thanksgiving dish among German and Swedish families, Have the skin scored in narrow strips, fill the space with stuffling, close the openings with skewers and place the leg in a dripping pan. Rub sait, pepper and grated lemon rind over the scored top and squeeze the juice of a lemon over it. The meat should be well done and should be served with an accompaniment of sppie sauce or cider jelly.

Rabbits Stuffed With Chestnuts.

Rabbits at 50 cents a pair, stuffed and roasted, make a very delectable dish when properly treated. Be sure the covered with a greased paper until half done. Then dredge with flour, season with salt and pepper, and baste liberally with butter until there are enough drippings to baste with. When ready to take up dredge with buttered bread crumbs, seasoned with salt, pepper, and sage, baste once or twice more with butter, brown, and serve with a brown gravy and apple sauce or baked apples stuffed with nuts.

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when properly treated. Be sure the hares are plump and young. If you have any doubts in the matter, test the paw any doubts in the matter, test the paw. If there is a little nut there and the paw can be readily broken between thumb and foreinger, the rabbit is young. If the nut has disappeared and the paw resists pressure, the rabbit is said and only fit for a stew. Skin, clean, and wash the rabbits, then soak in said and water for an hour. Parboil the liver and heart, mince fine and save for the gravy. Make a chestnut forcement as for turkey, stuff the body, and fasten with a skewer.

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